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Celebrating National Apprenticeship Week

It's National Apprenticeship Week! Click below to view a video I recorded for an event for 14th District employers hosted by the McHenry County Workforce Network, recognizing the importance "learn and earn" apprenticeship opportunities provide in unleashing the American workforce.



(Click picture to watch video)

SBA Opens Lake County Office to Provide Loans for those Affected by Severe Flooding

Good news: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is opening a Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Lake County which will allow residents and businesses in Lake, McHenry and Cook Counties severely impacted by flash floods and flooding in July to apply for low-interest SBA disaster loans. Previously, the SBA issued a Disaster Declaration for Lake and McHenry Counties, but with operating centers in Wisconsin only.

[Click here for Lake County location, dates and times.](#)

Second STEM Scholars Class Kicks-Off with Two Visits to Study Microbiology and Food Flavoring Science

Our STEM Scholars this year are off to a great start as our community's STEM ambassadors. At our first meeting at Elgin Community College, we got to know each other and met with ECC President Dr. David Sam and the science faculty before we launched into our hands-on microbiology activity using microscopes

and slides. The complexity of the work required the students to rely on each other for help. ECC faculty said the slides were some of the best they had seen in years!

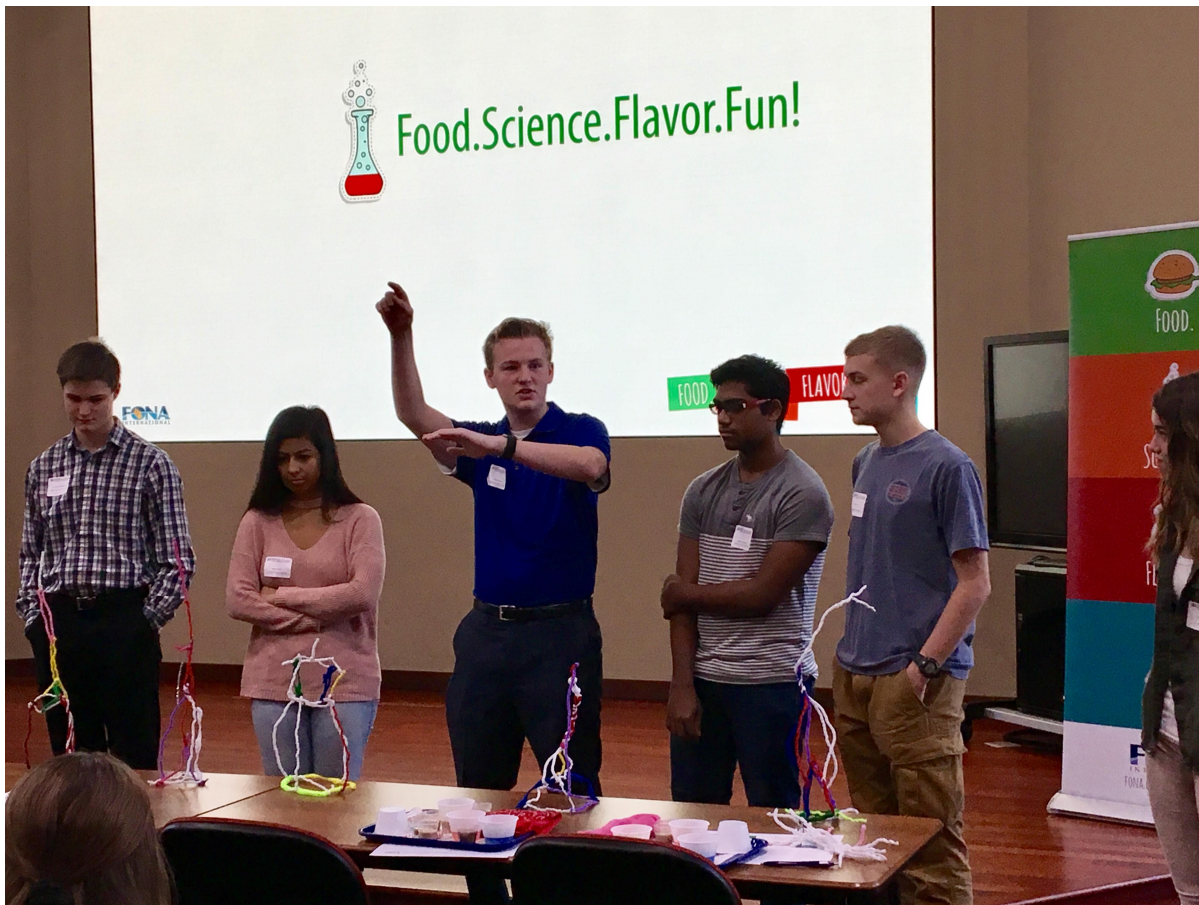
FONA International arranged another fun and interesting day for our STEM Scholars, led by their inspiring and knowledgeable staff. Students competed to build free-standing structures with pipe cleaners, and engaged in a series of hands-on sensory food science experiments to answer such questions as, How does fat content affect the taste of chocolate milk, and How does sugar density affect viscosity or liquid stacking? We finished the day with a group tour of the different labs at FONA.



(STEM Scholars conduct microbiology experiments at Elgin Community College)



(STEM Scholars review their findings through microscopes at Elgin Community College)



(STEM Scholars presenting their pipe cleaner structures at FONA International)



(Students work in teams during pipe cleaner competition)



(Rep. Hultgren with this year's STEM Scholars class)

(STEM Scholars is the youth leadership program I launched last year to encourage highly-motivated and energetic high school students to become ambassadors in their communities for the possibilities provided by science, technology, engineering and math.)

Science Committee Approves My Bill Supporting Global Science at Fermilab and Argonne

The crown jewel in our nation's research ecosystem—our national labs—lead the world in groundbreaking scientific research and employ thousands of scientists working on vital experiments.

This week the Science, Space and Technology Committee [approved my legislation](#), the **Accelerating American Leadership in Science Act, H.R. 4377**, without opposition. The bill authorizes world-class scientific research at Fermilab, Argonne and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The research done at these facilities, and the technology they produce, reaffirms American leadership in fields that will improve lives and increase domestic jobs here in Illinois.

The Accelerating American Leadership in Science Act:

- Supports the **Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF)** which will host the **Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE)**, an international project hosted by Fermilab to probe the fundamental properties of subatomic particles known as neutrinos. The facility will contribute to nearly 2,000 jobs at Fermilab.
- Upgrades to the **Advance Photon Source (APS) at Argonne National Laboratory** are authorized in this legislation to maintain its world leadership status as the premier x-ray science facility. APS is used by nearly 6,000 researchers every year, with more than 1,000 users from Illinois.
- Upgrades at the **Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Spallation Neutron Source** help probe material properties at the atomic level with the most intense pulsed neutron beam in the world.

My Take on the Tax Reform

Your input was crucial to my vote on H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which passed the House this week. Please [click here for my full statement on my vote and the legislation](#).

Additional Legislative Update

- One the greatest challenges facing workers today is connecting the skills and knowledge they have with the jobs that actually exist. Similarly, small businesses have trouble finding qualified applicants for the jobs of the 21st century. I introduced **H.R. 4088, the Career Advancement Through New Skills Act**, which encourages employers to put resources toward training and educating workers for the jobs that exist now.
 - The freedom for parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children is an American tradition once established beyond debate. Yet every day, families are broken apart by state actors who presume they are able to make a better decision for a child than a parent can. I introduced **H.J.Res. 121, a constitutional amendment to protect the rights of parents to raise, care for and guide their children** without undue government interference unless there is proof of abuse or neglect. [Learn more here](#).
 - Iran's dangerous pursuit of ballistic missiles that can reach the United States and our allies around the world must be stopped. I supported **H.R. 1698, the Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act**, which implements a comprehensive investigation to identify and sanction the companies, banks and individuals which supply the regime's weapons programs.
 - Kids need continued access to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) program, which offers affordable, comprehensive coverage to 250,000 children in Illinois alone. Community health centers provide vital primary, preventive and specialty care services to more than 101,000 patients just in the 14th Congressional District. I [have been a strong advocate for both](#), and I voted in favor of the **CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS Act, H.R. 3922**, which extends funding for the CHIP for five years and continues funding community health centers and several public health programs for two years.
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Congratulating McHenry County College on their 50th Anniversary



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If you haven't already, be sure to [like my Facebook page](#), follow me on Twitter ([@RepHultgren](#)), or [check out my YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

In Your Service,

Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress
14th District, Illinois

Randy in the News

- [2 US lawmakers tell Duterte: 'Sovereignty' doesn't give license to kill](#) (ABS-CBN)
- [Congressman Randy Hultgren Talks Tax Cuts and More](#) (1440 WROK)

- [Duterte threatens to ban 2 US lawmakers from coming to Manila](#) (GMA News)
- [French priest receives human rights award for genocide research](#) (Crux)
- [House science chair to retire from Congress](#) (Science Magazine)
- [Hultgren aims to help employers close the skills gap with new legislation](#) (Ripon Advance)
- [Lake County flood victims will get help applying for loans](#) (Daily Herald)
- [Lawmakers fight to save infrastructure financing tool in GOP tax bill](#) (The Hill)
- [Op-ed: Protect infrastructure finance in tax reform](#) (Washington Examiner)
- [Panel encourages women to consider careers in manufacturing](#) (Kane County Chronicle)
- [Rep. Randy Hultgren congratulates McHenry County College on 50th anniversary](#) (Northwest Herald)
- [Some Dems Worry Trump Will Fire Mueller, Pardon Manafort And Others In Russia Probe](#) (CBS 2 Chicago)
- [SULLUM: Trump's 'great relationship' with a homicidal drug warrior](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)
- [Trump administration cancels immigration benefits for 5K people](#) (The Hill)
- [U.S. lawmakers urge Trump to relay concern over drug war killings to Duterte](#) (Rappler)

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